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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "CHOOSING WISELY CAMPAIGN" ON MAY 21, 2019, AND DECLARING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO BE A "CHOOSING WISELY STATE"

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Shekarchi, and Filippi

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The goal of the Choosing Wisely Campaign is to promote conversations
2 between physicians and patients about unnecessary care and thereby reduce wasteful spending of
3 health care dollars on unnecessary tests, treatments, and procedures in the health care system; and

4 WHEREAS, Choosing Wisely is a national effort led by the American Board of Internal
5 Medicine Foundation garnering the participation of over 80 medical specialty societies who have
6 published more than 550 recommendations of overused tests, treatments, and procedures that
7 clinicians and patients should discuss; and

8 WHEREAS, An informed and educated patient can feel empowered to ask questions
9 about his or her health, including alternatives for pain medication, surgeries, and other medical
10 care; and

11 WHEREAS, The medical community recognizes the importance of having an open
12 dialogue with their patients on the benefit and risks of medicines, tests and procedures; and

13 WHEREAS, The Choosing Wisely Rhode Island Campaign, sponsored by the Rhode
14 Island Business Group on Health and the Rhode Island Foundation, has brought together a broad
15 coalition of stakeholders, including physicians/clinicians, patients, community advocates, and
16 government and business leaders who are working together to benefit present and future
17 generations of Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and supports the Choosing Wisely Rhode Island

1 Campaign and encourages statewide implementation by all stakeholders; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House hereby proclaims Rhode Island to be a "Choosing Wisely
3 State"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Paul Martineau, Chairman of the Board, Rhode
6 Island Business Group on Health, and Neil D. Steinberg, President and CEO, the Rhode Island
7 Foundation.

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